

Exhibit 19

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

2 WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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4 **BLACK LOVE RESISTS IN THE RUST, ET AL.,**
5 **INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF OF A CLASS OF**
6 **ALL OTHERS SIMILARLY SITUATED,**

7 Plaintiffs,

8 -vs-

1:18-cv-00719-CCR

9 **CITY OF BUFFALO, N.Y., ET AL.,**

10 Defendants.
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12 **CONTINUED EXAMINATION BEFORE TRIAL**

13 **OF BYRON LOCKWOOD**

14 **APPEARING REMOTELY FROM**

15 **BUFFALO, NEW YORK**

16
17 August 17, 2023

18 At 1:00 p.m.

19 Pursuant to notice

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21 REPORTED BY:

22 Rebecca L. DiBello, RPR, CSR(NY)

23 APPEARING REMOTELY FROM ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK

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RESISTS IN THE RUST, ET AL., INDIVIDUALLY AND
ON BEHALF OF A CLASS OF ALL OTHERS SIMILARLY
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1 MR. SAHASRABUDHE: Form.

2 A. If there was a change to that policy I'm quite
3 sure it would have been mentioned to me. I
4 just don't remember there being a change.

5 Q. In May of 2020 you also decided to eliminate
6 the Housing Unit, right?

7 MR. SAHASRABUDHE: Form.

8 A. Yes. The Housing Unit was eliminated.

9 Q. And was that your decision or a decision of
10 the BMHA?

11 A. I think it was a mutual decision with the City
12 and the BMHA.

13 Q. And why was the Housing Unit eliminated?

14 MR. SAHASRABUDHE: Form.

15 A. There were -- the Housing Unit -- BMHA was
16 paying the City I want to say 600 some
17 thousand. I'm not sure of the exact amount
18 and it became -- it was -- I guess it was time
19 to renew that contract and from what it was
20 costing the city to pay the officers was much
21 more than what was being paid to the City and
22 then there was also citizens that wanted their
23 own patrol.

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1 They didn't want police patrolling BMHA.
2 So that was a discussion with the City and
3 BMHA and I guess the contract just wasn't
4 renewed, so when it wasn't renewed we
5 disbanded the unit.

6 Q. Did anything replace the Housing Unit?

7 MR. SAHASRABUDHE: Objection to form.

8 A. They came up -- yes. They came up with an
9 idea of each district will have a community
10 police officer assigned to the housing complex
11 unit.

12 Q. And what was the job responsibility of the
13 community policing officer?

14 A. The job was to do community policing in the
15 housing complex to assist citizens to work
16 with the children, to help setup programs over
17 there and also attend the meetings.

18 Q. Did the job of the community policing officer
19 include traffic enforcement around the BMHA
20 building?

21 MR. SAHASRABUDHE: Form.

22 A. If there was a traffic violation then their
23 job was to enforce the traffic violation, yes.

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1 STATE OF NEW YORK)

2 COUNTY OF ERIE)

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4 I, Rebecca Lynne DiBello, CSR, RPR, Notary
5 Public, in and for the County of Erie, State of
6 New York, do hereby certify:

7 That the witness whose testimony appears
8 hereinbefore was, before the commencement of
9 their testimony, duly sworn to testify the
10 truth, the whole truth and nothing but the
11 truth; that said testimony was taken pursuant
12 to notice at the time and place as herein set
forth; that said testimony was taken down by me
and thereafter transcribed into typewriting,
and I hereby certify the foregoing testimony is
a full, true and correct transcription of my
shorthand notes so taken.

13 I further certify that I am neither counsel
14 for nor related to any party to said action,
15 nor in anyway interested in the outcome
thereof.

16 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
17 subscribed my name and affixed my seal this
18 31st day of August, 2023.

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21 Rebecca Lynne DiBello, CSR, RPR
22 Notary Public - State of New York
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Qualified in Erie County
My commission expires 5/11/2027

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